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his own to H. V. WINCHELL for $105. GODDARD claimed that the meteor was his, as it fell on his land. HOAGLAND claimed it, as he discovered it first and as it fell from heaven.

"The matter resulted in a suit, which was decided to-day. The Court held that the stone became part of the soil on which it fell, and that HOAGLAND had no right to remove it. The defense claimed that whatever was movable and found on the surface of the earth, unclaimed by any owner, was supposed to be abandoned by the proprietor. The Supreme Court has just ruled that as this stone was in the earth and practically unmoved, and was placed there by nature, it was a stone included generally under the property to be claimed. The case is unique, with no established precedent."—*Telegram to the S. F. Chronicle.*

THE OBSERVATORY AT ALGIERS.*

The cut facing p. 257 is copied from Lieut. WINTERHALTER'S Report on European Observatories by the kind permission of the Superintendent of the U. S. Naval Observatory (*See Publ.* A. S. P. Vol. III, page 40). The note here given is condensed from the text of Lieut. WINTERHALTER'S Report.

The Observatory of Algiers (founded in 1886) is the direct successor of the provincial observatories which were founded in the early days of French possession.

Its chief instruments are an *Equatorial Coudé*, a meridian-circle, two large reflecting telescopes, and a photographic refractor which will be used in making a section of the International photographic charts of the sky, spectroscopic apparatus, etc. The Sun is regularly photographed here, and it is an interesting proof of the clearness of the sky that photographs of the Sun were secured in 1883 on no less than 310 days.

The latitude of Algiers is + 36° 45′; so that is a little to the south of Mt. Hamilton (+ 37° 20′). E. S. H.

LIBRARY OF THE COLUMBIA COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, NEW YORK.

The following interesting circular has lately been received :

"The library of the Columbia College Observatory has been enriched lately by the purchase of the private library of Mr. STRUVE, former director of the Pulkowa Observatory. This library contains 4361 books and 3056 pamphlets. This important addition gives us now a fine equipment of over 10,000 volumes.

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* C. TREPIED, Director.

"The Observatory desires to keep this collection up to date, and respectfully requests that it may be favored with your publications. Very respectfully,

"J. K. REES,
"Director of the Observatory."

TRANSLATION OF SCHEINER'S SPECTRALANALYSE.

All who are interested in the spectroscope as applied to the solution of astronomical problems will be pleased to learn that *Die Spectralanalyse der Gestirne*, by Dr. SCHEINER, Astronomer in the Royal Astro-Physical Observatory at Potsdam, is to be translated into English. It will also be revised and enlarged to include the results of the last three years, thereby bringing it up to date. The work is being done, with the assistance of the author, by E. B. FROST, of Dartmouth College Observatory, and is expected to be completed within a year. W. W. C.

DUPLICATES IN THE LIBRARY OF THE LICK OBSERVATORY.

The following works are duplicate in the Library of the L. O. and we should be glad to exchange them for any works which are lacking in our collection—especially for a set of the maps of the northern DM. E. S. H.

American Journal of Science: Nos. 145–156 inclusive; 1883 complete, 8vo, paper.

ARGELANDER: Abo observations 1, 2, 3 complete; bound in 1 vol., folio, half morocco.

BALL: Elements of Astronomy. 1 vol., 16mo, cloth.

BERLIN: Astronomisches Jahrbuch. 8vo. 1882 (cloth), 1883 (cloth), 1883 (paper), 1884 (cloth), 1885 (cloth), 1886 (cloth), 1886 (paper), 1887 (cloth), 1887 (half morocco), 1887 (paper), 1888 (paper). 11 vols.

BODE: Astronomisches Jahrbuch, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1800. 5 vols (cloth).

HERSCHEL and MAIN: Catalogue of Double Stars, 1874. 4to, half roan.

LAMONT: Munich Star Catalogues, 6 vols. Complete, 8vo, half roan.

LONDON: *Memoirs R. A. S.*, vol. 24, 1856. 4to, half roan.